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Deale, May 11.

THis morning arrived here the Ship called the *Bloſſem* from the *Barbadoes*, Mr *Martin* Commander, who reports, that a little before he came from thence, News was brought thither of a ſharp Engagement between the *French* and the *Dutch* at *Tobago*; that the deſign of the former was to have taken the Iſland, and to that purpoſe landed 1500 Men, who attacked the Fort the *Dutch* had made there, while at the ſame time the *French* Men of War entred into the Road, and attacked the *Dutch* ſhips that lay at Anchor there, being about 15 in all, and the *French* having likewiſe about that number: the Fight was very obſtinate, and laſted about 15 hours; that of the *Dutch* ſhips 10 were burnt, or otherwiſe deſtroyed; and that of the *French*, their Admiral, with 3 or 4 of their Men of War more, were burnt and ſunk; that the *French* on ſhore had been repulſed with conſiderable loſs; and that the Count *d'Eſtrees* was preparing to depart from *Tobago*, as was believed, on his return home. In the ſaid ſhip the *Bloſſem*, are come as Paſſengers two *Dutch* Seamen, taken Priſoners by the *French* in that action, who confirm what is above related.

Vienna, May 2. The Prince of *Lobcowitz*, formerly firſt Miniſter of State of the Emperor, but fallen into diſgrace, is lately dead. The Rebels in *Hungary* have, as we underſtand, attempted to ſurprize *Podock*, but were repulſed with conſiderable loſs.

Copenhagen, May 10. We are informed, that two or three dayes ſince the King of *Sueden* was with 1000 Horſe within a mile of *Landſcroon*, where it's believed he will form a Camp, to hinder the relieving of *Chriſtianſtadt*, which is now ſo cloſely ſhut up, that nothing can ſtir in or out; however our laſt advices from thence ſaid, that they had proviſions yet for four months. Here are brought up by our Capers, four Dutch Merchant ſhips, being laden with Contraband goods. By a Veſſel arrived from *Gottenburg* we have an account that the Suedes are fitting out there 11 men of War, which would be ready very ſuddenly to put to Sea. Yeſterday 2000 men were ſent over to *Landſcroon*, which will be followed to morrow by ſeveral Troops of Horſe; and we are told that before the end of this month, the King himſelf will paſs over into *Schonen*, being reſolved to loſe no time to attempt the relief of *Chriſtianſtadt*, from whence it's ſaid, Letters are arrived this afternoon, which ſay, that things there were in a very good poſture.

Hamburg, May 14. The *Munſter* Troops are arrived in the Daniſh Territories, where they commit great diſorders, and give occaſion of great complaints againſt them. From *Berlin* our Letters of the 12 inſtant tell us, that ſome *Brandenburg* Troops had had a lucky Rencounter with a party of Suedes near *Gripſwaldt*, which they had defeated, having killed about 60, and taken 100 priſoners.

Trier, May 7. The Duke of *Lorrain* is encamped with the Imperial Troops under his command between *Luxemburg* and *Arlon*, having been very much hindred in his march by the badneſs of the wayes. In the mean time the Duke of *Lorrain* has ſet all the Countrey as far as *Metz* and *Verdun* under Contribution, threatning the Inhabitants in caſe they do not pay the ſame, to treat them in the ſame manner as the *French* have uſed ſeveral Villages on the *Saar*.

Strasburgh, May 10. The Sieur *de Monclar* continues to aſſemble his Troops near *Schleſtadt*, and has already there 42 Troops of Horſe, and 69 Companies of Foot. He is ſending four Regiments to the aſſiſtance of the Mareſchal *de Crequi* in *Lorrain*.

Philipsburg, May 11. The Imperial Troops which have wintered in *Suabia*, and the Neighbouring Countreys, having Rendevouzed in our Neighborhood, paſſed the *Rhine* over our Bridge, and are marched with all diligence towards *Treves*; they have with them 20 Mortarpices, and 24 pieces of Cannon, with great quantities of all ſorts of Ammunition. We have advice, that the Sieur *Monclar*, Lieutenant General of the Moſt Chriſtian King in *Alſace*, has detached four Battallions of Foot to the aſſiſtance of the Mareſchal *de Crequi*.

Francfort, May 12. General *Caprara* is at preſent in this Neighborhood with 12000 men, and 36 pieces of Cannon, with which he will march towards the *Moſelle*. The Duke of *Lorrain*, when his whole Army is together, will have above 40000 men. The Troops of the Duke of *Wurtzburg* began to leave their quarters the 3d inſtant, as we expect the *Munſter* and *Lunenburg* Troops will do in few days.

Co'ogne, May 11. The Duke of *Neuburg* has commanded his Forces to be drawn together, and in 2 or 3 days they will hold a general Rendeavous; which done they will march towards *Ruremond*, to join there with the Troops of the Elector of *Brandenburg*, and the other Confederates.

Ditto, May 14. The 12 inſtant arrived here the Count *Walſtayn*, Envoy Extraordinary from the Emperor to His Majeſty of *Great Britain*, in his way for *England*. This day the Troops of the Duke of *Neuburg* begin to march towards the *Meuſe*. The Imperial Troops according to the advices we receive from above, which paſſed the *Rhine* ſome days ſince, encamped the 10th inſtant at *Nider Ulm*, between *Creutznach* and *Vaudrefange*, from whence they would continue their march towards the *Moſelle*, to join the Duke of *Lorrain*.

Roermonde, May 12. This morning arrived here four Regiments of Horſe of the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, and 1500 Foot, being part of thoſe Troops which are to aſſemble here. We expect ſome Regiments from the Duke of *Newburg*, Biſhop of *Oſnabrug*, and Biſhop of *Munſter*.

Liege, May 14. The Confederate Troops begin to aſſemble at *Ruremond*, where are already arrived ſeveral Regiments of the Elector of *Brandenburg*, and thoſe of *Neuburg*, and the other *Confederates* are on their march thither. We are told that the Biſhop of *Munſter* will be there in perſon on the 25 of this month, and in the mean time much is ſaid here of the *Confederates* reſolving